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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LE, CE

SUBJECT: PATROL BOATS FOR GOL

REF: BEIRUT 13319

1. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION GAINED FROM REFTEL WAS THAT GOL NO LONGER INTERESTED IN EITHER SWIFT PATROL BOATS OR TWO USED COAST GUARD WPBS WHICH WE OFFERED TO SELL TO THEM IN JULY.

2. HOWEVER, DURING CALL AT NEA/ARN BY LEBANESE ARMY SUPPLY CHIEF MUNAYER AND MILATT KHOURY, WE WERE INFORMED THAT LEBANESE PLAN TO PURCHASE GERMAN BOATS PLUS WPBS WHICH WOULD BE UPGRADED AND DELIVERED TO BEIRUT, INCREASING COST TO APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 350,000 PER BOAT. UPGRADING BOATS REQUIRES NEW LETTER OF OFFER WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED ON CONDITION GOL CONTEMPLATES CASH PURCHASE OR USE OF PRE-

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VIOUSLY APPROVED FMS CREDITS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOL ON THIS QUESTION
AND SEEK ASAP A DEFINITIVE DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT
LEBANESE ACTUALLY INTEND TO PURCHASE UPGRADED WPBS AND,
IF SO, METHOD OF FINANCING THEY WILL USE. KISSINGER

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